

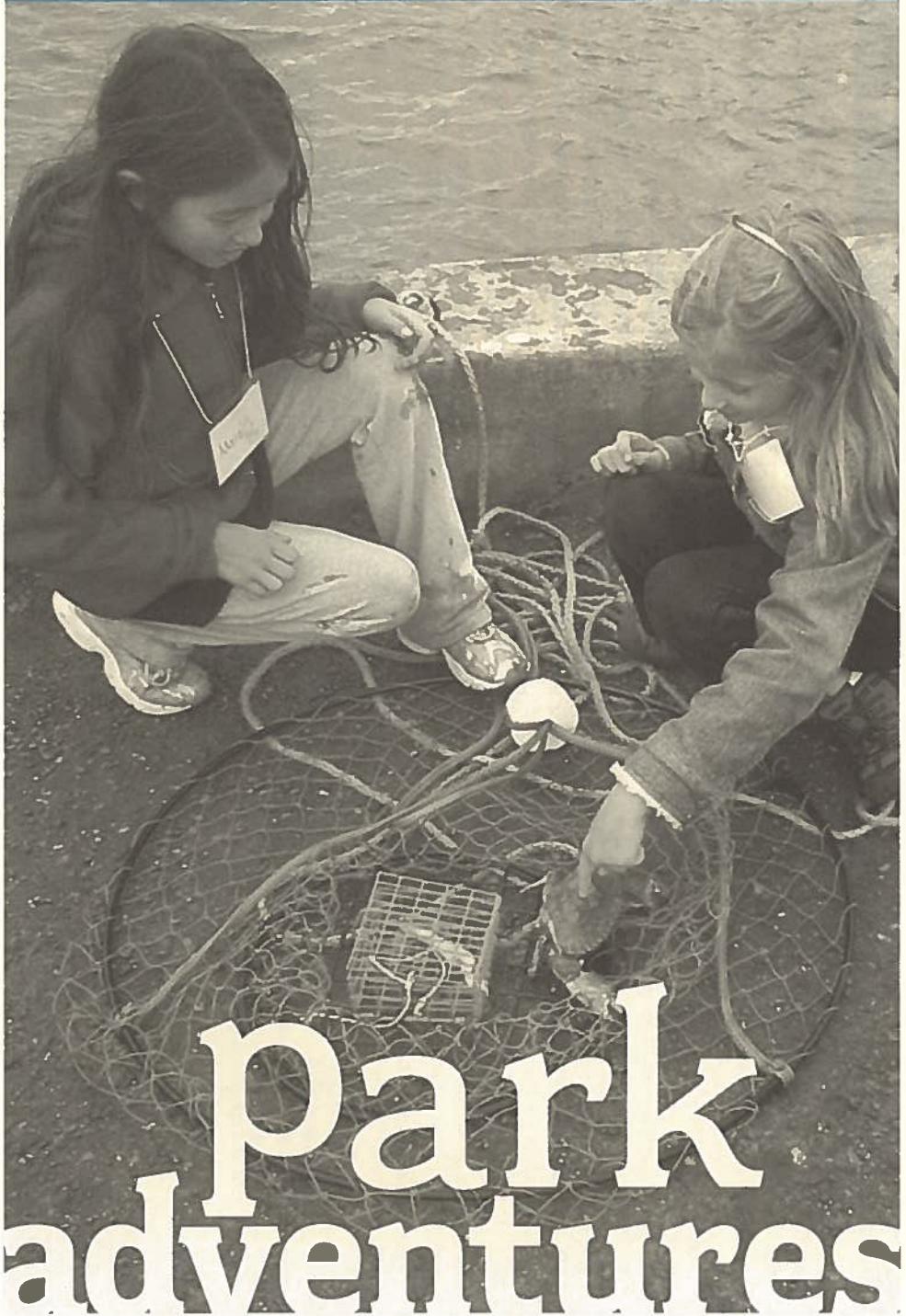
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COMPASS POINTS

Special Walks Offer Chance for Your Input on Parks' Future

Help shape the future of the Golden Gate National Parks by joining the National Park Service planning team on guided walks in key park sites. The NPS would like your input on the new General Management Plan that will express the broad vision for the future of the park, guiding long-term preservation, public enjoyment, stewardship, and interpretive activities. Short walks are scheduled in Muir Woods (3/15), Tennessee Valley (3/22), and Rancho Corral de Tierra—4,200 acres managed by the Peninsula Open Space Trust which will soon become part of the park (3/29 and 4/5). The group will see the condition of these areas, share ideas about their future, and discuss how your ideas can be captured in the new plan. Call 561-4730 to RSVP and get meeting locations. Discussions about the parks' future will also be part of the Redwood Ramble at the Phleger Estate (3/8), and Sweeney Ridge Saunter (3/16). For more about park plans, visit www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/current_plans.htm.

Transformation of Lands End Merrily Moving Along

Crews are rehabilitating the Merrie Way parking lot above the Sutro Baths and hope to be finished later this spring. The lot, which a century ago featured a Ferris wheel and other amusements, is being stabilized with piers and repaved to allow more parking. A sunset overlook and new trailhead for the Coastal Trail will also enhance the area. Until the Merrie Way lot is reopened, parking can be found along El Camino del Mar and most Lands End destinations will remain accessible.

Marin Headlands Visitor Center Gets a Fresh Makeover

Always a great starting point for park adventures, the Marin Headlands Visitor Center has received some much-needed attention. After a five-week rehabilitation, the visitor center reopened in February. With a new roof, new "green" floor, new paint, and newly stained wood, the freshly spruced-up center is worth a visit during this season of renewal. Watch for more improvements to the center throughout the year.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS
MOTHER'S DAY HIKE ON SWEENEY RIDGE

Event date and time:
Saturday, May 10 (10 AM—1:30 PM)

Registration deadline:
Tuesday, April 1

Location:
Sweeney Ridge (meeting location given upon registration)

Fee: Free
Limited to 30 participants; four per membership

Celebrate Mother's Day with a six-mile (roundtrip) hike from the "cradle" of the San Andreas Fault up to Sweeney Ridge—where songbird moms will be busy feeding their broods. We'll enjoy open grasslands, sweeping vistas, and a variety of birds and wildflowers. Join Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish for this delightful hike! Bring your lunch and water, binoculars and camera (optional). Wear layers and sturdy walking shoes.

How to sign up

There are two simple ways to sign up for this members' event. (To register for all other events, please refer to the descriptions on the pages entitled "Park Events.")

Call our Membership Coordinator, Morgan Cosby, at (415) 561-3060.

E-mail us at: membership@parksconservancy.org.

For paid events, credit card information is required upon registration. We will bill you after registration is confirmed.

Tell us your full name, telephone number, e-mail

address, number of guests, and your membership number.

Confirmation and directions will be e-mailed to you after the registration deadline. For events with limited space, we will select participants at random after the registration deadline. Please note that registration is not first-come, first-served because newsletter delivery times vary.

The member event is designated by  in the calendar pages.
Questions or comments on our publication? Please e-mail editor@parksconservancy.org.

TOP-SECRET NO MORE: INTRIGUING BATTERY TOWNSLEY OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC

By John A. Martini,
Park Ranger Emeritus

DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF WORLD WAR II, when America was on the defensive against the Japanese military in the Pacific, Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was one of San Francisco's strongest—and most secretive—harbor fortifications.

A "casemated" battery (one built partly underground), it mounted two 16-inch caliber battleship guns and could withstand the heaviest aerial or naval bombardments of the era. On July 1, 1940, Battery Townsley was fired for the first time and became the prototype for future casemated batteries.

The dimensions of Townsley's two guns were staggering: each one weighed almost 1 million pounds and was capable of firing a shell, weighing more than a ton, 25 miles out to sea. Instead of mounting its guns in open gun pits like earlier batteries, Townsley was designed with thick overhead concrete and earthen cover for protection. The guns were actually mounted



Timbers and rollers were used to move this gun into place at Battery Townsley. (Courtesy GGNRA, Park Archives)

inside underground "casemates" with only their 68-foot-long barrels extending out the artificial hilltop. Covered by camouflage nets and papier-mâché rock-work, the battery was all but invisible to enemy aircraft. Machine-gun nests, foxholes, trenches, and barbed wire protected it from commando assault.

During much of World War II, more than 100 Coast Artillery soldiers lived within Townsley's corridors and were ready for action on a five-minute notice. When-

ever target practice was held, the rumbling roar of Battery Townsley's guns could be heard throughout the Bay Area. Nearby ranchers occasionally complained their cows quit giving milk after each firing.

Battery Townsley was active from 1940 until 1948, when its two huge guns were scrapped, the victims of advancing military technologies that included long-range bombers and nuclear weapons. The Army used Townsley briefly as a testing site during the Cold War, but by the 1980s the fortification sat abandoned.

Now Battery Townsley is receiving a new life as contractors and volunteers have refurbished its interior for public tours. This work is being carried out through the generous bequest of Mr. Charles Wofford, a former park volunteer and coast artillery historian. His gift to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has become a showcase example of historic preservation in the parks.

For more on visiting Battery Townsley, see event listing under "Marin Headlands" section of this booklet.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 29

FORT FUNSTON

Cleanup Day 9:30 AM

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

LANDS END

Lands End: Suro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Use sus Santidos en Crissy Field! 2–4 PM

LANDS END

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 2–3 PM

MUIR WOODS

Muir Beach Bird Walk 9–11 AM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk

10 AM–Noon

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–Noon

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Discovering Nature’s Alphabet 10 AM–Noon

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

LANDS END

Lands End: Suro Highs and Lows 2 PM

PHILEGER ESTATE

Redwood Ramble 10:30 AM–3:30 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

Battery Townsley Open House Noon–4 PM

PRESIDIO

Ridge to Bridge Ride 10 AM–1 PM

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PRESIDIO

Tennessee Hollow: History of MacArthur Meadow

Noon–1 PM

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PRESIDIO

From Post to Park

1–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–Noon

PRESIDIO

Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

EcoCareer Day 10 AM–3 PM

LANDS END

Lands End: Suro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Wildflower Photography Hike 9:30 AM–Noon

PRESIDIO

Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM

MUIR WOODS

Planning the Future of Muir Woods 9:30–11:30 AM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM–1 PM

PRESIDIO

A Walk in the Presidio Forest 1–3 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM–2 PM

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MUIR WOODS

Big Year Event 1–8 PM

PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–Noon

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–Noon

Full Moon Night Hike 5–8 PM

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 6:45–8:45 PM

MUIR WOODS

Muir Woods by Moonlight 6:30–8:30 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

Main Post Walk Noon–1 PM

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LANDS END

Lands End: Suro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Coyote Moon Hike 6:30–9:30 PM

Planning Future of Tennessee Valley 10AM–Noon

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 7–9 PM

MUIR WOODS

Sunset Hike 5:30–9:30 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

Presidio Birdlife 9:30–11:30 AM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Family Campfire 5–7 PM

FORT POINT

Pier Grabbing 10 AM–Noon

LANDS END

Lands End: Suro Highs and Lows 2 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Planning the Future of the Ranchos: North 10 AM–Noon

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AT MULTIPLE SITES

Teens on Trails 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Insectos y Más 2–4 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Beach Bird Walk 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON
FORT MASON
Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM
PRESIDIO
1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
FORT MASON Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM
LANDS END Lands End: Suto Hights and Lows 2 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
Wildflowers of Wolf Ridge 10 AM–2 PM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA
Planning the Future of the Rancho: South 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Insectos y Más 2–4 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Beach Bird Walk 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
Poppy Viewing in the Serpentine Grasslands NOON–1 PM

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PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END
Lands End: Suto Hights and Lows 2 PM
PRESIDIO
1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM
Crissy Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON

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LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 1–2 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM–1 PM
MILAGRA RIDGE
Of Bombs and Butterflies 11 AM–1 PM

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PRESIDIO
From Post to Park 1–3 PM

PRESIDIO
Hidden History at Crissy Field NOON–1 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON
FORT MASON
Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM
PRESIDIO
1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER Earth Stroll 11 AM–3 PM
LANDS END Lands End: Suto Hights and Lows 2 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Spring Family Camp 3 PM–NOON NEXT DAY
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:15–9:15 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods Centennial History Walk 9 AM–NOON
Sunset Hike 6–10 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
General Pershing's Presidio 11 AM–12:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Full Moon Night Hike 5–8 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Bunkers of Hill 88 11 AM–2 PM
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:15–9:15 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by Moonlight 7–9 PM
PRESIDIO
From Post to Park 1–3 PM

MUIR WOODS
Celebration of Trees
DETAILS TBA
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PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END
Lands End: Suto Hights and Lows 2 PM
PACIFICA
360 Degrees of Pacifica 10 AM–3:30 PM
PRESIDIO
1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM
The Presidio Rocks 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
Wings Over Crissy Field 1–3 PM

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FORT MASON
GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 7–9:30 PM

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GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 7–9:30 PM

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May 27

CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES

Teens on Trails 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

FORT FUNSTON

Cleanup Day 9:30 AM

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

GORO

Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 10 AM–12:30 PM

LANDS END

Lands End: Sotro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM

Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM–1 PM

MUIR WOODS

Wildflowers, Whales, and Yoga 11 AM–1:30 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field! 2–4 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

MUIR WOODS

Wildflower Walk for Kids (and their parents) 11 AM–1 PM

PRESIDIO

On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldiers 1–3 PM

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

Sweeney Ridge Souther 11 AM–2 PM

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PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Community Heroes Awards Ceremony 2–4 PM

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

LANDS END

Lands End: Sotro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MUIR WOODS

International Migratory Bird Day 7 AM–NOON

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

Earth, Wind, and Flowers 1–3 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

Mother’s Day Hike 10 AM–1:30 PM

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LANDS END

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS

Battery Townsley Open House 100M–4 PM

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PRESIDIO

Tennessee Hollow Watershed 11 AM–1 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

FORT MASON

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park 11 AM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Family Campfire 5–7 PM

LANDS END

Lands End: Sotro Highs and Lows 2 PM

MUIR WOODS

Sunset Hike 6:30–10:30 PM

PRESIDIO

Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM

Main Post Walk 1–2:30 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:45–9:45 PM

Tennessee Valley Ramble 11 AM–1 PM

PRESIDIO

Patriotism and Prejudice 1–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:45–9:45 PM

MUIR WOODS

Muir Woods by Moonlight 7:30–9:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

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FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

LANDS END

Lands End: Sotro Highs and Lows 2 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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PRESIDIO

Memorial Day 2008

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Presidio Then & Now 10 AM–NOON

LANDS END

Lands End: Sotro Highs and Lows 2 PM

PRESIDIO

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake 1 PM

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Alcatraz Island
Baker Beach
Bolinas Ridge
China Beach
Cliff House
Crissy Field
Fort Baker
Fort Cronkhite
Fort Funston
Fort Mason
Fort Point
Gerbode Valley
Kirby Cove

Lands End
Marin Headlands
Martinelli Ranch
Milagra Ridge
Mori Point
Muir Beach
Muir Woods
Oakwood Valley
Ocean Beach
Olema Valley
Phleger Estate
Point Bonita
Presidio
Rancho Corral de Tierra
Rodeo Beach
Stinson Beach
Sutro Heights
Sweeney Ridge
Tennessee Valley



AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, established in 1988, engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at different locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants and seed collecting (spring through fall). Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting places vary; phone 561-4848 for locations, directions, and carpool availability.

Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of exotic plants, and removes localized infestations before they become untrolled. You'll learn to identify both malicious and benign plants during hikes that last about four hours. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates can be intermittent; phone 561-4848 to register.

Site Stewardship

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

The Site Stewardship Program works to restore habitat for threatened and endangered species at restoration sites in Pacifica and the Marin Headlands. Learn about local ecology while improving habitat for species such as the mission blue butterfly and San Francisco garter snake. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 8 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at Fort Mason, Building 34S, San Francisco, at 9:15 AM; carpools to work sites are provided. Phone 561-3077 to RSVP and for details.

Teens On Trails

3/31, 5/3 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

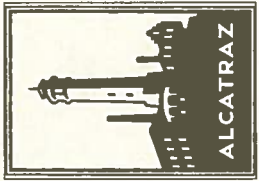
Using their "day off as a day on," over 300 Bay Area teens last year celebrated their holidays by performing trail projects parkwide! Join us this spring on observances of Cesar Chavez Day (3/31) and May Day (5/3). Fulfills community service credits and offers a way for teens to meet other teens interested in the outdoors. This project is for teens, classmates, and school clubs. For information contact Kimberly at kkiefer@parksconservancy.org or 561-3068.

Trail Crew Volunteers

First and third Saturdays, April to November (9 AM—Noon); Presidio crew: second Tuesdays, April to November only (Noon—3 PM)

Join the Golden Gate National Parks' Trails Forever team to help repair and maintain trails, construct new routes, and protect sensitive natural habitat in the Presidio and elsewhere in the parks. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3068 for meeting locations and directions.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except December 25 and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the new cellhouse audio tour to learn about this historic island (transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors). A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the

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museum theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM to 4 PM, for program and information.

The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at www.nps.gov/alcatraz.

ONGOING

Alcatraz—Escape from Reality

This video presentation explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

Alcatraz Historic Gardens

Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The gardens once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island are being reclaimed as a joint project of The Garden Conservancy, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and National Park Service. Help join the effort! Adults (18 and over) are welcome. This is not a drop-in program; registration is required. Visit www.parksconservancy.org for application materials and information.

We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America's indigenous people. This award-winning permanent exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and contemporary interviews with former occupiers. Ranger-led programs offered daily. Ask at the dock-level

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

GG Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

♿ Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

vance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

CLIFF HOUSE



Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the outdoor terraces of the Cliff House. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the website at www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm.

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Crissy Field Center, located in Building 603 at the corner of Mason and Halleck streets in the Presidio, is open daily, 9 AM to 5 PM. Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and Golden Gate National

Parks Conservancy, the Center is dedicated to viewing the environment through multicultural perspectives in partnership with communities. The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including weekend workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events. Most programs are fee-based and suitable for all ages unless otherwise noted. For a complete quarterly catalog and registration and scholarship information, call 561-7752 or visit www.crissyfield.org.

A partial listing follows. All Crissy Field Center programs require reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for weekend workshops, but drop-ins welcome on a space-available basis. Phone 561-7752 to register. Seasonal events offered on a drop-in basis, unless otherwise noted. Programs meet at the Crissy Field Center, with exceptions noted.

ONGOING

Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM

Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Calling all seaside sleuths! Grab a magnifying glass and get down to

the Warming Hut, near the pier at the west end of Crissy Field. You'll find a booklet that directs you toward the first clue. There are nine secret plaques altogether, hidden along a one-mile waterfront trail—you can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free.

For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-7765 to register and to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

Discovering Nature's Alphabet Exhibit

Through 3/30 (on view Friday through Monday, 9 AM—5 PM)

In a special photography exhibit at the Center, see how Krystina Castella and Brian Boyl found letters spelled out in stone, plants, animal bodies, and more. They developed the exhibit as a way to share the experience of actively seeing and discovering organic forms around us.

Fantastic Fridays

3/7—5/30, no program 3/28 (10 AM—Noon)

Parent and tot playtime at Crissy Field. Check www.parksconservancy.org for themes. Ages 2 to 5, with parent, guardian, or caregiver. \$10 per child. Drop-in OK, but pre-registration suggested. Register online at

www.crissyfield.org or email cfaregistrationinfo@parksconservancy.org by fax at 561-7695.

Visuals and Voices Exhibit

4/1—4/30 (on view Friday through Monday, 9 AM—5 PM)

"Visuals and Voices" is an annual art contest and traveling exhibit that provides young people with an opportunity to express their relationship with the environment and to pledge responsible environmental stewardship. Hosted by Earth

Team—a collaborative network connecting Bay Area teenagers, teachers, and youth leaders with a variety of active and engaging environmental education experiences—the thought-provoking show includes artwork from more than 30 schools in five Bay Area counties.

PROGRAMS

Community Heroes

Awards Ceremony

5/10 (2—4 PM)

Join us for this eighth annual event recognizing the important work of the Center's 2008 Community Heroes honorees. Each year, Crissy Field Center honors a group of Bay Area individuals or groups whose actions have made a positive impact

on the environment. Hear the honorees tell their inspiring stories and learn how the power of one individual or grassroots group can bring about lasting change in the community. Drop-in, all ages welcome.



Discovering Nature's Alphabet
3/8 (10 AM—Noon)

Experience the alphabet through hands-on nature and art discovery! Inspired by the "Discovering Nature's Alphabet" exhibit, we'll touch driftwood ABCs and kids will create their own letters from found and reusable materials. For ages 2-5, with parent, guardian or caregiver. Fee is \$10 per child.

Earth Stroll
4/19 (11 AM—3 PM)

Get active on Earth Day! Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive

fitness walk around Crissy Field. Play eco-games, visit with live animals, and test your environmental knowledge at activity stations designed to help you make strides for a healthy planet and a healthy you. Activities range from free to \$10. Drop-in, all ages welcome.

EcoCareer Day
3/15 (10 AM—3 PM)

At this sixth annual conference, high schoolers get the "dirt" on jobs for the environment! Meet activists, educators, scientists, and business people, and learn how to turn your passion for the environment into a career. Fun, hands-on workshops introduce you to some of the tricks of the trade. Also, learn about summer educational, volunteer, and job opportunities at the resource fair. Free, includes lunch. Registration is required. E-mail: epepito@parksconservancy.org or call 561-7767 with name, phone number, e-mail address, school, and grade.

Family Campfire
3/29, 5/17 (5—7 PM)

Join us around an outdoor campfire at Crissy Field for storytelling and merriment as we watch the sunset. We'll even make s'mores and sip hot cider by the fire. \$15 per family of

three; \$5 per additional family member. All ages welcome. Meet at Crissy Field Amphitheater, located near the Warming Hut.

Full Moon Night Hike
3/21, 4/20 (5—8 PM)

Celebrate the full moon with a guided evening hike that meets at the Center for a moonlit walk around the Crissy Field Marsh (3/21) or a hike from Rob Hill to scenic Mount Lake (4/20). Fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child; pre-registration required. All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Insectos y Más
4/6 (2—4 PM)*

En esta caminata vamos a explorar y investigar insectos y muchos bichos más. Con lluvia o sin lluvia nos divertiremos investigando El Presidio. Comienza en el edificio 50 Moraga, Officers Club. Inscripción anticipada es requerida llame a la Guardia Bosques Fátima Colindres para mas información o para registrarse 561-4405.

Presidio Then & Now
5/31 (10 AM—Noon)

Join "On the Level" (no hills or steps!) Marilyn Straka for a unique look at the Presidio's past and pres-

ent: from army cannons to the new Letterman Digital Arts Center. Fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Spring Camp
3/24—3/28 (9 AM—4:30 PM)

Presidio Explorers, a Crissy Field Center program in partnership with the Presidio YMCA, offers second- and third-graders exciting adventures in the national park in their backyard. For details, visit www.ymcasf.org/presidio or call 447-YMCA.

Redwood Rembrandts
Saturdays, 4/26—5/17 (9:30 AM—2 PM)

This "Kids-Only Club" is just for fourth- and fifth-graders who love nature and art. Journey through our parks and create eco-art projects! Pre-registration required; please call 561-7765.

Summer Camps

Many Crissy Field Center summer camp programs fill quickly, so don't wait! Check the offerings for summer 2008 at www.crissyfield.org or call 561-7762.

Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field!
3/2, 5/4 (2—4 PM)*

En nuestro paseo vamos a buscar cangrejos y saborearemos dulces de fresa. Escucharemos leyendas culturales y oleremos el hábitat del océano. Inscripción anticipada es requerida llame a la Guardia Bosques Fátima Colindres para mas información o para registrarse 561-4405.

FORT FUNSTON
ONGOING

Fort Funston Cleanup Day
3/1, 4/5, 5/3 (9:30 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone; held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday morning of the month in the parking lot. For more information, phone Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/ Fort Funston Green Team
Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

At this nursery—one of five in the parks—Green Team volunteers

PROGRAMS
Lands End:

Sutro Highs and Lows

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31 (2 PM)

Recapture the flavor of Mayor Adolph Sutro's gift to the public: the park and baths of the late 1800s.

This fairly strenuous walk begins at the lion statue at the park entrance, 48th Avenue and Point Lobos Avenue. For more information, visit www.sfcityguides.org.

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

3/2 (2—3 PM), 4/13 (1—2 PM), 5/11 (11 AM—Noon)

On a moderately strenuous hike, see and learn about some of the ships that perished on the cliffs of the Golden Gate. Meet Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial lot on El Camino del Mar, north of 48th and Point Lobos avenues. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

MARIN HEADLANDS

The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily,

*Program presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

"Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate"

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day. &

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort's entrance.

PIER CRABBING

3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24 (10 AM—Noon)

Learn about crabbing in the San Francisco Bay. We'll discuss equipment, bait, and rules, then you can try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; please call 556-1693.

LANDS END

ONGOING

Lands End Stewardship

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM) Become a Lands End Steward and help restore unique coastal habitat and enhance the trail systems along Lands End. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 385-3065 for more information.

Raptor Observatory! To learn more, come to one of our 2008 Recruitment Meetings at Upper Fort Mason (Building 201). Training will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and able to commit to spending one full day every other week from mid-August through early December in the Marin Headlands, along with some weekend and evening trainings in July and August. For information, call 331-0730 or e-mail ggro@parksconservancy.org.

FORT POINT

During the retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. Visit the Fort website at www.nps.gov/fppo.

ONGOING

"Building the Golden Gate Bridge"

Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark. &

Cannon Loadings Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

Crissy Field en Español

If Spanish is your first language, you and your family can take advantage of our Spanish-language walking tours and workshops. Ranger Fátima Colindres is your guide to a different experience the first Sunday of most months. This spring, join her for a look at insects of the Presidio, and a multi-sensory exploration of Crissy Field. Call 561-4405 for more information.

Insectos y Más (4/6)*
Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field! (3/2, 5/4)*

Explore the magnificent edge of San Francisco's northern waterfront where history and coastal vistas combine in an amazing range of cultural and recreational amenities. Meet at northwest corner of Van Ness and Bay. For more information, visit www.sfcityguides.org.

GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting

4/29, 4/30 (7—9:30 PM); 5/3 (10 AM—12:30 PM) Volunteer to count or band birds of prey this fall with the Golden Gate



ONGOING

Fort Mason Gardeners
Tuesdays (9 AM—Noon)

Work with National Park Service gardeners—and enjoy views of the Golden

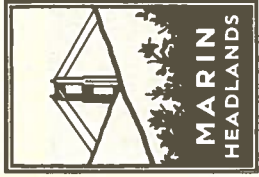
Gate Bridge from Fort Mason, home to Golden Gate National Recreation Area headquarters. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet in front of Building 112 (near Phil Burton statue). Phone 561-4199 for more information and to RSVP.

PROGRAMS

Fort Mason to Aquatic Park

3/1, 3/7, 3/8, 3/21, 4/4, 4/5, 4/12, 4/18, 5/2, 5/3, 5/10, 5/16 (11 AM)

9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and is a great place to begin your park adventures. Park visitors with limited mobility can now navigate the sands of



Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheelchair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available free-of-

charge, and can be checked out daily, 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Marine Mammal Visitor Center at Rodeo Beach.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. To make reservations, phone 331-1540. Visit www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

3/9, 4/13, 5/11 (NOON—4 PM)
Open the second Sunday of each month. Long closed to public access, World War II-era Battery Townsley has been refurbished and the public

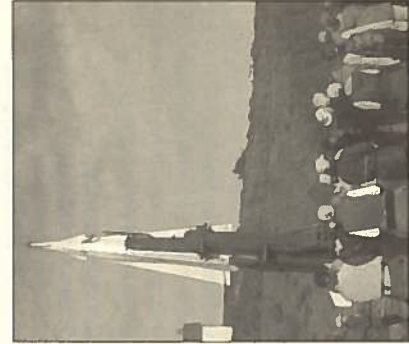
is invited to explore this labyrinthine fortification. Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail about a half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For assistance to the site, call 331-1540. *For details on Townsley's history, see article at the front of this booklet.*

Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1—4 PM); Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)
Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands. Our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, and maintain the facility. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (Chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for details. Also Headlands Seed Collection, Wednesdays from May to September (9:30 AM—NOON).

Nike Missile Site Open House

3/1, 4/5, 5/3 (12:30—3:30 PM)
Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored



Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are accessible. ♿ Visit the website at www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm.

Point Bonita Lighthouse

Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30—3:30 PM)
Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The half-mile trail is steep in places. For details, phone 331-1540. Visit the website at www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm.

Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery

Tuesdays (10 AM—Noon, 1—4 PM)
The Tennessee Valley Nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the park, from Olema to the Marin Headlands. Help improve native habitat by removing invasive plants, outplanting, and transplant seedlings, pruning, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 331-0732 for information.

PROGRAMS

Beginning Birding

3/9, 4/6, 5/4 (9:30—11:30 AM)
Spring brings new life to the Headlands. Explore Rodeo Lagoon with docent Jane Haley to discover what birds have arrived. Bring binoculars and field guides. Rain cancels. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Bunkers of Hill 88

4/20 (11 AM—2 PM)
Take a strenuous three-mile roundtrip hike up Hill 88 to enjoy the views and learn about gun emplacements and anti-aircraft sites in

the Headlands. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Rodeo Beach fire gate. Bring a lunch. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Coyote Moon Hike

3/22 (6:30—9:30 PM)
Join docent Steffen Bartschat on a fairly strenuous six-mile hike to a nearby ridge. As dusk turns to night, we will listen for coyotes and await a mountaintop moonrise. Learn about our local coyotes, and hear about a recent research project conducted in the Marin Headlands. Bring layers, binoculars, snacks, water, and a flashlight. Meet at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Limited to 25 people. Reservations required; phone 331-1540. Heavy rain cancels.

Planning the Future of Tennessee Valley

3/22 (10 AM—NOON)
Come “behind the scenes” with members of the National Park Service planning team, talking about possible changes to the valley that could enhance public enjoyment, improve access and parking, and better preserve the area's rich cultural and natural resources. Meet at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Call 561-4730 to RSVP.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

3/16 (11 AM—1 PM)
We'll rove lagoon, valley, and beach, seeking what's “uniquely Headlands.” Meet Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center for this moderate three-mile hike. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Spring Family Camp

4/19 (3 PM—NOON ON 4/20)
The days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, and the weather is beginning to dry out. It's the perfect time for a family camping trip! Bring your family (with kids ages 5 to 15) on a gentle one-mile backpack to serene Haypress Camp. Learn more about flora, fauna, and history, and share in the fun of a traditional campfire program under a full moon. Limited to eight families or 24 people. No dogs. Reservations required; call 331-1540 with your email address or regular mailing address. More information will then be mailed. Heavy rain cancels.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Sunset/Bonita Lighthouse

3/21(6:45—8:45 PM), 3/22 (7—9 PM); 4/19, 4/20 (7:15—9:15 PM), 5/18, 5/19 (7:45—9:45 PM)
Watch the setting sun and greet the

rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people. Program fills quickly; make required reservation by calling 331-1540. Heavy rain cancels.

Tennessee Valley Ramble

5/18 (11 AM—1 PM)
On a moderate two-mile, one-way hike to the beach, examine patterns of life on the landscape and imagine how humans have figured in the picture over time. Stay and enjoy lunch on the beach, or hike back at your own pace. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Trees of Kirby Cove

4/13, 5/3 (11 AM—1 PM)
Scattered amongst the coastal scrub and grasslands, the trees of the Marin Headlands reveal much about the landscape and human history north of the Golden Gate. Bring water and lunch. Stay and enjoy lunch on the bluffs above Kirby Beach and hike back at your own pace. Meet David Szczesny at the Battery Spencer parking area on Conzelman

an David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—former gun emplacement, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north (uphill) at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.



MUIR WOODS

Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee is \$5 for ages 16 and up.

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program reservations and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and program details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indi-

cated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for updates on activities commemorating the Muir Woods Centennial.

ONGOING

Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers give 15-minute ecology talks and one-hour tours when staffing permits. Check the program board at the park entrance for times and locations.

Growing Communities,

A Muir Woods Quest

Muir Woods is offering an exciting new “treasure hunt” designed for families or groups called *Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest*. It guides you through the forest through rhymes that not only teach about the redwoods but also reveal clues to the “treasure.” This booklet is free and offered in our Visitor Center or at the information table.

Muir Woods Centennial

Celebrate the founding of this National Monument in 1908! Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for details.

Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. Ask about this program at the information table or at the Visitor Center.

Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)
Grow and care for native plants and help maintain critical habitat. Phone 383-4390 to RSVP and for meeting locations and directions.

PROGRAMS

Big Year Event at Muir Woods
3/20 (1—8 PM)
Participate in conservation work through Big Year, a yearlong effort to help the endangered species of the Golden Gate National Parks (see sidebar at right).

Come to Muir Woods for an afternoon working at the edge of the redwood forest to remove invasive cape ivy from northern spotted owl habitat. This vine chokes the vegetation prized by dusky-footed woodrats, the owls' choice prey! Bring a bag dinner and then join a ranger for a night walk into Muir Woods to experience the special qualities of an old-growth forest. Free. Call 388-2596 for reservations.

Celebration of Trees

4/21
Join us on a day in honor of the redwood tree! Celebrate the role trees play in a healthy world, and ac-

knowledge those who work to protect trees throughout the world. Held in commemoration of John Muir's birthday (4/21), Earth Day (4/22), Arbor Day (4/25), and National Park Week. Check www.nps.gov/muwo for updates on tours, special guests, and activities.

International

Migratory Bird Day
5/10 (7 AM—Noon)
Celebrate this special day by joining us at Muir Woods for activities and fun for all ages. If you were ever curious about our fine feathered friends, this is a great chance to learn what you can do to help migrating birds. Bring the family! For details, visit www.nps.gov/muwo or phone 388-2596.

Muir Beach Bird Walk

3/2, 4/6 (9—11 AM)
Join the Ong family on an easy one-mile walk to view birds in coastal, riparian, and lagoon habitats. This activity is suitable for beginning through advanced birders. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for cool, windy weather. Rain cancels. Meet at Muir Beach picnic area. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.



Muir Woods by Moonlight
3/21 (6:30—8:30 PM), 4/20 (7—9 PM), 5/19 (7:30—9:30 PM)
Explore the magic of Muir Woods under a full moon, learning about the secret nightlife of an old-growth redwood forest. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Children under 8 years not advised. This is an easy 1.5-mile walk on a paved trail. For reservations, phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods Centennial History Walk
4/19 (9 AM—Noon)
Have we been preserving or conserving this ancient old-growth forest of coast redwoods? On the weekend of John Muir's birthday, join Evelyn Rose for this moderate two-mile round-trip walk through Redwood Canyon and its immediate surroundings. We'll review the history of Muir Woods and discover how changes instituted over the past 100 years have impacted the Monument. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Planning the Future of Muir Woods

3/15 (9:30—11:30 AM)
Go "behind the scenes" with members of the National Park Service planning team, talking about how we might sustain and steward the old-growth redwood forest and its historical resources, while continuing to offer visitors memorable experiences. Call 561-4730 to RSVP and get meeting location.

Sunset Hike

3/22 (5:30—9:30 PM), 4/19 (6—10 PM), 5/17 (6:30—10:30 PM)
Join Ranger Jim MacDonald for a moderately strenuous 4.5-mile

Big Year for Endangered Species

Throughout 2008, National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy staff and volunteers will help support "Big Year"—an effort to encourage community participation in conservation activities in the parks. In addition to the Muir Woods event (3/20), other special activities will take place this spring at Mori Point, Milagra Ridge, Presidio Native Plant Nursery, and more! Visit www.ggnrbigyear.org for upcoming hikes and volunteer events.

evening hike. We'll climb the Dipsea Trail to watch the sunset and then loop back into Muir Woods on the Ben Johnson Trail. Wear layers and bring a snack, water, and flashlight. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

U.N. Day

(5/19)
In 1945, in a special session of their meetings to draft the United Nations charter, representatives held a memorial service in Cathedral Grove honoring Franklin D. Roosevelt and

OCEAN BEACH

ONGOING

Beach Cleanup and Fire Ring Maintenance
Specific Sundays (10 AM—Noon)
Help maintain the new fire rings and clean up Ocean Beach, in partnership with the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Please check our calendar at www.parksconservancy.org or www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm for dates and meeting locations.

Wildflower Walk for Kids (and their parents)
5/4 (11 AM—1 PM)
Join Ken, Ben, Jen, and Em for a fun hike along the Owl Trail. As we walk, we'll learn to identify colorful spring wildflowers as well as other plants and animals we see and hear along the trail. Bring your lunch; we'll eat at Slide Ranch. This is an easy one-mile hike. Rain cancels. Meet at Muir Beach Overlook. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Wildflowers, Whales, and Yoga
5/3 (11 AM—1:30 PM)
Join Ken Lavin and Anita Lalwani on a wildflower hike along the Owl Trail. We'll view lupine, paintbrush, and poppies galore, and perhaps spy migrating whales. At Slide Ranch, Anita will lead us in basic yoga exercises. This is an easy two-mile round-trip hike. Meet at Muir Beach Overlook. This program is for adults. Rain cancels. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

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these sites great. Fairly strenuous, 7.5-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma. Pacifica at 9:30 for breakfast or 10 for the hike. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

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PROGRAMS

Redwood Ramble
3/8 (10:30 AM—3:30 PM)
Walk six miles of the quietest redwoods around, and hear how five folks on a budget saved a \$30 million forest. **This is your chance to talk with park planners about the future of the area.** Fairly strenuous. Meet at the entrance parking lot of Huddart County Park in Woodside. *Note: Huddart charges a \$5 entrance fee.* Bring sturdy shoes and a lunch. Call (415) 561-4323 for information.

PRESIDIO

Many of the programs listed here meet at the Presidio Visitor Center, located inside the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post area). The Visitor Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

360 Degrees of Pacifica

4/26 (10 AM—3:30 PM)
Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a grand tour of the National Park sites in Pacifica: Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Take in great views and hear the stories of bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldozers that make

formation and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.

Crissy Field Landscape and Maintenance

Thursdays (9 AM—Noon)
Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include beach cleanups, vegetation pruning and sand removal along the Promenade, and broad-leaf plant removal. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 447-9743 for information.

Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)
This nursery grows more than 60,000 plants each year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at the nursery, which is located at 1244 Appleton St., San Francisco. Phone 561-4826 for more information and directions.

ONGOING

Area A Maintenance and Landscape

Saturdays (9 AM—Noon)
Volunteer to enhance the visitor experience at various sites throughout the coastal region of the Presidio.



Project locations include East Beach, Crissy Promenade, Crissy Airfield, Baker Beach, and Chino Beach. Projects include winter beach cleanups, vegetation pruning, sand removal, and broad-leaf plant removal. For details, please call 447-9743.

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

3/15, 4/19, 5/17 (9 AM)
Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. Email crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net for in-

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays and Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)
Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 8:50 AM at Crissy Field Center, 689 Mason St. (at Halleck). Phone 561-3034, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for information.

Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)
Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 12:50 PM at Crissy Field Center, 689 Mason St. (at Halleck). RSVP requested; phone 561-3034, ext. 3445.

The Last Gun

3/1, 3/2, 4/5, 4/6, 5/3, 5/4 (11 AM—3 PM)
How can a 50-ton gun simply disap-

pear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room. Rain cancels. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach lot. Open first full weekend of each month.

PROGRAMS

1906: Presidio and the Earthquake
3/7, 3/8, 3/21, 3/22, 3/29, 4/4, 4/12, 4/18, 4/26, 5/2, 5/10, 5/16, 5/24, and 5/31 (1 PM)
Walking through the Presidio, explore the extraordinary role of the Army and the Presidio hospital in this extraordinary time. Learn about the San Francisco refugees and their struggle to return to a normal life. Meet at the Officers Club Visitor Center in the Presidio. For more details, visit www.sfcityguides.org.

A Walk in the Presidio Forest
3/16 (1—3 PM)
Join this moderate two- to three-mile walk to explore the mini-forest planted by the Army during the 1800s. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water, and dress in layers. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Visitor Center at 50 Moraga Ave.

Poppy Viewing in the Serpentine Grasslands
4/8 (NOON—1 PM)
Learn about the California state flower, and celebrate poppy month in the serpentine grasslands. Rain cancels. Meet at Inspiration Point. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

4/12 (10 AM—NOON)
Learn about Crissy Field's role in early aviation history on this easy one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☼

Earth, Wind, and Flowers

5/10 (1—3 PM)
Learn how unusual geologic and weather conditions at the Presidio on unique ecosystem at the Presidio on a moderate 1.5-mile walk. Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes and warm layers. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Inspiration Point. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☼

Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront

3/14, 4/11, 5/9 (10:30 AM—12:30 PM)
Experience Crissy's living tidal salt marsh! On this easy two-mile walk, we will savor the wind, tides, sand, plants, and people that affect this ecosystem. Rain cancels. Meet docent Bob Halsey at the corner of Halleck and Mason in front of the Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

From Post to Park

3/12, 4/16, 4/20, 5/14 (1—3 PM)



Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☼

General Pershing's Presidio

4/19 (11 AM—12:30 PM)
Visit sites from "Black Jack" Pershing's time and learn about army life at the Presidio in the years just prior to World War I on an easy 1.5-mile walk. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the flagpole near Arguello Boulevard and Moraga Avenue. ☼

Hidden History at Crissy Field

4/17 (NOON—1 PM)
Discover how many different cultures have links to Crissy Field on an easy one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason. ☼

Main Post Walk

3/21 (NOON—1 PM), 5/17 (1—2:30 PM)
Learn about Presidio history on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. ☼

Memorial Day 2008

5/26
Join us for a Main Post parade, National Cemetery program, cemetery walks, and concert. Parade begins at the Main Post Parade Ground. Program takes place in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio. For details, call 561-5500.

National Cemetery Walk

3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22 (10 AM—NOON)
Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep climb. Meet docent Galen Dillman for this program. For meeting place and to make required reservation, call 561-4323.

On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldiers

5/4 (1—3 PM)
Learn how the African-American "Buffalo Soldiers" contributed to our

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

PROGRAMS

Planning the Future of the Rancho: North

3/29 (10 AM—NOON)
Rancho Corral de Tierra is soon to be the newest addition to the Golden Gate National Parks. Meet representatives from the National Park Service planning team and the Peninsula Open Space Trust—the organization that saved and currently manages these 4,200 acres. Discuss the area's future as the southern gateway to the parks. This event will focus on the areas along Martini Creek, between McNee Ranch State Park and Montara. Call 561-4730 to RSVP and get meeting location.

Planning the Future of the Rancho: South

4/5 (10 AM—NOON)
Meet representatives from the National Park Service planning team and the Peninsula Open Space Trust. Discuss the Rancho's future in the parks at this event focusing on lower San Vicente and Denniston Creeks between Moss Beach and El Granada. Call 561-4730 to RSVP and get meeting location.

STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset. For updates on hours and surf, tide, road, and weather conditions, phone 868-1922.

SWEENEY RIDGE

PROGRAMS

Sweeney Ridge Saunter

3/16, 5/4 (11 AM—2 PM)
Walk with Nike veteran David Bridg-



man to hear about the defense of Sweeney Ridge—from the Spanish explorers to Nike missiles to neighborhood activists. **The March 16 hike is your chance to talk with park planners about the future of the area.**

Meet at Skyline College parking lot #2 in San Bruno. From Skyline Boulevard, turn west at College Drive, go south (left) at the "T" intersection and go about one-third mile. Look for sign to parking lot #2. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

walk. Meet at Inspiration Point. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Tennessee Hollow: History of MacArthur Meadow

3/11 (NOON—1 PM)
Learn about the Panama-Pacific International Exposition landscaping and greenhouses in the Presidio on an easy one-mile walk along the waterway in Tennessee Hollow. Rain cancels. Meet at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

The Presidio Rocks

4/26 (10 AM—NOON)
Learn the 160-million-year story that underlies the Presidio on this two-mile moderately strenuous walk. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Baker Beach's north parking lot by Battery Chamberlin. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Wings Over Crissy Field

4/27 (1—3 PM)
Join a moderate one-mile walk through the history of aviation at the Presidio. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. ☼

half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. ☼

Poppy Viewing in the Serpentine Grasslands

4/8 (NOON—1 PM)
Learn about the California state flower, and celebrate poppy month in the serpentine grasslands. Rain cancels. Meet at Inspiration Point. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Presidio Birdlife

3/22 (9:30—11:30 AM)
See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. ☼

Ridge to Bridge Ride

3/9 (10 AM—1 PM)
Experience the national parks straddling the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a strenuous 12-mile loop. Helmet required. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Officers Club Visitor Center, 50 Moraga Avenue.

Tennessee Hollow Watershed

5/13 (NOON—1 PM)
Ramble serpentine grasslands and discover native plants on this easy

country's rich history on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave.

Patriotism and Prejudice

5/18 (1—3 PM)
Japanese-American soldiers trained here for intelligence work and were sent to war as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this poignant irony on an easy

The Warming Hut is Back

Fully recovered from a fire in 2007, the Warming Hut at the west end of Crissy Field is back with its one-of-a-kind line of ecologically conscious gifts and books. Stop by this sustainably-redesigned historic landmark and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge. Savor a cup of "direct-trade" coffee, and try the delicious homemade soups and sandwiches. Also, stop by the Crissy Field Center and try a treat from the new menu at Café Crissy and relax in the remodeled sitting area. Proceeds from both the Hut and Café Crissy benefit environmental youth leadership programs at Crissy Field Center.



GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.

We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, www.parksconservancy.org, or phone (415) 561-3000.



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 390 other park sites across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these park lands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga, or phone (415) 561-4700.



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

The Presidio Trust is the federal agency established by Congress in 1996 to preserve the Presidio of San Francisco as an enduring resource for the American people. The Trust has jurisdiction over the interior 1,168 acres of the former military post. For more information, visit www.presidio.gov, or call (415) 561-5300.

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There are three easy ways to join:

Call: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org.

Join online at: www.parksconservancy.org.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LOCATION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Habitat Restoration Team	9:30 AM–2:30 PM						
Invasive Plant Patrol*				10 AM–2 PM (SEASONAL)	1–4 PM		1–4 PM
Lands End Stewardship				9 AM–NOON			9 AM–NOON
Presidio Park Stewards					1–4 PM		
Presidio Plant Patrol*							
Site Stewardship							10 AM–1 PM
Fort Funston Nursery							9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Marin Headlands Nursery				1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON
Headlands Seed Collection				9:30 AM–NOON (MAY–SEPT ONLY)			
Presidio Nursery				1–4 PM			1–4 PM
Redwood Creek Nursery				10 AM–1 PM			10 AM–1 PM
Tennessee Valley Nursery			10 AM–NOON, 1–4 PM				
Alcatraz Gardens*				8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 AM–12:30 PM	
Area A Maintenance							9 AM–NOON
Crissey Field Landscape					9 AM–NOON		
Fort Mason Gardeners*							
Trail Crew Volunteers			9 AM–NOON NOON–3 PM (2nd TUES., APR–NOV), PRESIDIO				9 AM–NOON (1st & 3rd SAT., APR–NOV)
Ocean Beach Cleanup	10 AM–NOON (SPECIFIC DATES)						

* Registration required; please call (415) 561-3077

SPRING INTO ACTION TO HELP THE PARKS!

Celebrate Earth Day (4/22), National Volunteer Week (4/27–5/3), or any beautiful spring day, by getting into your Golden Gate National Parks! Preserve and restore these special places at one of our many drop-in volunteer opportunities available in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. All of them offer a great way to meet others who enjoy the parks as much as you do!

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and be sure to bring water and a lunch or snack.

To learn about the volunteer opportunities listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this publication, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/help/volunteer.asp.

Most opportunities are drop-in (unless otherwise noted), but we recommend phoning ahead before attending any of these programs, as meeting locations, dates/hours, and work projects may vary. For more information, please call (415) 561-3077.

Volunteer programs are a cooperative, park-wide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

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ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour	(415) 561-4926
Alcatraz Program Information	(415) 561-4900
Crispy Field Center	(415) 561-7690
Fort Mason Center Information Line	(415) 345-7544
Golden Gate Club	(415) 561-2582
Beach Chaiet Visitor Center,	
Golden Gate Park	(415) 751-2766
Habitat Restoration Team	(415) 561-4848
Historic Nike Missile Site	(415) 331-1453
Native Plant Nurseries	
Fort Funston	(415) 239-4247
Marin Headlands	(415) 332-5193
Muir Woods	(415) 383-4390
Presidio	(415) 561-4830
Tennessee Valley	(415) 331-0732
Pacific Visitor Center	(650) 355-4122
Point Reyes National Seashore	(415) 464-5100
Presidio Park Stewards	(415) 561-3034 ext. 3445
San Francisco Maritime	
National Historical Park Museum	(415) 561-7100
Site Stewardship Program	(415) 561-3073
Stinson Beach Weather	(415) 868-1922
Volunteer Information	(415) 561-4755

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M-F) for information about park sites not listed on this page.

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

www.nps.gov/goga

ALCATRAZ www.nps.gov/alcatraz

FORT POINT www.nps.gov/fopo

MUIR WOODS www.nps.gov/muwo

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CRISPY FIELD CENTER www.crispyfield.org

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GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY
www.ggro.org

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HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE
www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK www.nps.gov/safr

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